

**UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1963 BASIC AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA AND THE
UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS FOR THE PEACE CORPS
PROGRAM IN COLOMBIA**

The United States Peace Corps and the Government of the Republic of Colombia, hereinafter "the Parties,"

Whereas the Peace Corps, an agency of the United States, and the Government of the Republic of Colombia, signed the "Basic Agreement Between the Government of Colombia and the United States Peace Corps for the Peace Corps Program in Colombia";

Said Agreement has been in force since July 12, 1963;

The Peace Corps program in Colombia was suspended in 1981, but not entirely terminated;

Both the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Peace Corps have decided to resume the activities of the Peace Corps program in Colombia;

The Peace Corps has implemented a number of operational changes and mechanisms to carry out its programs;

The Parties recognize the need to clarify their understanding regarding some aspects related to the implementation of the Agreement of 1963;

Understand the following:

1. Visas and permits

Pursuant to the provisions of Section I.1 of the Agreement of 1963, regarding Peace Corps Volunteers, the Government of Colombia shall provide:

- Free courtesy visas [visas de cortesía] valid for multiple entries during a period of one (1) year. The courtesy visa allows the holder to reside in the country during the term of the visa, and may be renewed upon request of the Peace Corps during the term of service of the Peace Corps Volunteer.
- Foreign national identification card [cédula de extranjería], the cost of which is governed by Law No. 961 of 2005 regulating the rates for services provided by the Administrative Security Department [Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad – DAS]. The foreign national identification card is issued to foreign nationals when the term of their visa is greater than three (3) months.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section I.1 of the Agreement of 1963, regarding Peace Corps contractors, the Government of Colombia shall provide the following:

- Free courtesy visas for multiple entries for contractors and their family members.
- Foreign national identification cards for contractors and their family members of legal age for the pertinent fee.

2. The Parties clarify that the term "non-Colombian personnel employed by private organizations under contract with the Government of the United States" in Section 4(a) and (b) of the Agreement of 1963 includes non-Colombian nationals performing services under contract for the United States Government.
3. The Parties acknowledge that their commitment to developing Peace Corps activities under the Agreement of 1963 shall be subject to the availability of funds.
4. This Understanding shall enter into force and be binding under international law upon signature.

Done at Washington, D.C., on May 11, 2010, in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE UNITED STATES
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